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Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) The tee of claim 1, wherein said inlet/outlet port includes a sweep portion arcing upwardly from said elongated main body portion toward a ring defined by said inlet/outlet hub, said sweep portion defining an opening in communication with said tubular opening and said inlet/outlet hub.

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Sub. ci. Please amend claim 5 to read as follows:

5. ~~(Twice Amended)~~ The tee of claim 1, further comprising at least one horizontal reinforcement rib on an outer wall of the elongated main body portion.

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Please cancel claims 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Please amend claim 15 to read as follows:

15. (Twice Amended) A one-piece sanitary tee baffle comprising:
an elongated generally cylindrical main body portion defining a tubular opening, the tubular opening being adapted to receive a filter therein;
a cylindrical uppermost hub coaxial with said elongated main body portion and having an inner diameter greater than said diameter of the elongated main body portion; an inlet/outlet port in communication with the tubular opening, the inlet/outlet port having an inlet/outlet hub at an open end thereof, said inlet/outlet hub having a diameter sized so as to receive a pipe of a first outer diameter and being adaptable to receive a pipe of a second outer diameter, said diameter of the inlet/outlet hub being greater than the diameter of the elongated main body portion;
a first rib extending generally longitudinally along said elongated main body portion;
and

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B10 a second rib extending generally longitudinally along said elongated main body portion, said generally cylindrical main body portion having a wall thickness between 0.075" and 0.100" over a substantial portion thereof.

Please amend claim 17 to read as follows:

17. (Amended). The one-piece sanitary tee baffle of claim 15, in combination with a length of pipe received in said inlet/outlet hub.

B11 [Please amend claim 18 to read as follows:]

18 (Amended). The combination of claim 17, further comprising a reducer bushing between said inlet/outlet hub and said length of pipe received therein.

Please amend claim 23 to read as follows:

B12 23. (Amended) A tee for use at the inlet or outlet of a septic tank, the tee comprising:
an elongated generally cylindrical main body portion defining a tubular opening, the tubular opening being adapted to receive a filter therein;
a cylindrical uppermost hub coaxial with said elongated main body portion and having an inner diameter greater than a diameter of the elongated main body portion;
an inlet/outlet port in communication with the tubular opening, the inlet/outlet port having an inlet/outlet hub at an open end thereof, said inlet/outlet hub having a diameter sized so as to receive a pipe of a first outer diameter and being adaptable to receive a pipe of a second outer diameter, said diameter of the inlet/outlet hub being greater than the diameter of the elongated main body portion;
an outer wall on said elongated main body portion; and
at least one horizontal reinforcing rib on said outer wall.

✓ Please cancel claim 24.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 25. The tee of claim 1, wherein an intersection of the cylindrical uppermost hub and the main body portion defines a lid-receiving end, and in combination with an effluent filter having a generally cylindrical profile, said effluent filter having a lid received in the lid-receiving end.

B13 26. The combination of claim 25, wherein said effluent filter includes a sealing gasket engaged with an inner wall of the tee, and wherein said inner wall of the tee includes elements having locking rims to engage an outermost lip of said sealing gasket.

27. The combination of claim 25, wherein said lid-receiving end includes an inwardly directed locking flange, said locking flange being spaced a distance of at least a thickness of said lid of the effluent filter, and the lid of the effluent filter including a complementary recess to allow for insertion of said lid past said locking flange, whereby upon rotation of the effluent filter subsequent to insertion past the locking flange, said recess is out of alignment with said locking flange, and said locking flange prevents vertical movement of said effluent filter.--

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001. A check is enclosed including the amount of \$460.00, for a three month extension of time to and including May 28, 2002 (because May 27, 2002 was a federal holiday). In the event any